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In re the Application of:	Group Art Unit: 1641
Applicant: Vincent P. Stanton, Jr.	Examiner: To be assigned
Serial No.: 09/638,267	
Filed: August 14, 2000	
For: **GENE SEQUENCE VARIANCES IN GENES RELATED TO FOLATE METABOLISM HAVING UTILITY IN DETERMINING THE TREATMENT OF DISEASE**	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE DESCRIPTION

On p. 1, line 9, after "U.S. Application No.," delete "not yet assigned" and insert –09/596,033--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 4-119.

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REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims 4-119 without prejudice to the cancelled subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in this application or any other appropriate application. The cancellation of claims 4-119 is not an indication of the patentability of those claims and should not be so construed. Additionally, these claims were not cancelled to avoid any prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due in connection with this submission; however, if any fees are due please charge or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 50-1273**.

Respectfully submitted,

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